

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****SIGNAL STRENGTH INDICATOR FOR A WIRELESS CARD**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for identifying signal strength in a wireless network card. The wireless network card includes a housing, a bus interface, a transceiver, a data buffer, a display device, and a control unit. The bus interface is located inside the housing, wherein the bus interface provides a connection to a data processing system. The transceiver is located inside the housing. The transceiver sends and receives data from a wireless connection. The data buffer is connected to the bus interface and the transceiver, wherein the data buffer holds data for transfer between the bus interface and the transceiver. The display device is located on the exterior housing of the wireless network apparatus in a location for viewing by a human user. A control unit, located within the housing, controls the transfer of data through the data buffer, identifies the signal strength for the wireless connection, and displays the signal strength on the display device.